

News from Rep. Stephanie Herseth

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HERSETH STATEMENT ON BRAC RESOLUTION

October 27, 2005, Washington D.C. – U.S. Rep. Stephanie Herseth today voted against H.J.Res 65, a resolution to reject the entire set of recommendations by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC), including their recommendation to keep Ellsworth Air Force Base open. The resolution failed.

Herseth said, “While I still have concerns about the BRAC process, particularly during a time of war, I am pleased that this resolution failed. This is one more step in ensuring that the Pentagon’s misguided decision to close Ellsworth Air Force Base is indeed overturned. This victory was a result of determined, bipartisan teamwork from folks across South Dakota, and we should all be proud of our work to ensure that Ellsworth is kept open for generations to come.”

Herseth has been working to encourage new missions at Ellsworth, including a military financial services operation that would bring an additional 700 jobs to the Base.

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Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth serves South Dakota in the U.S. House of Representatives. She is a member of the Blue Dog Coalition, a group of moderate Democrats committed to fiscal discipline and strong national security, and is co-chair of the Rural Working Group, which is dedicated to raising the profile of issues important to rural America. She also

serves on three committees vital to South Dakota's interests: Agriculture, Veterans' Affairs and Resources.